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Question I.

What is God?

Answ. *God the* (a) *Father, Son, and Holy Ghost* is a (*b*) Spirit, (*c*) Almighty, of perfect (*d*) goodness, holiness, (*e*) mercy, and (*f*) justice

a *Mat.* 28. 19. Go ye therefore and teach all Nations baptizing them in the name *of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*

1 *John* 5. 7. For there are *three* that bear record in heaven, *the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost*; and these *three* are *one.*

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b *Joh.* 4. 24. *God is a Spirit*, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.

c *Rev.* 4. 8. And the four beasts rest not day and night, saying, *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.*

d *Mat.* 19. 17. Jesus said, *There is none good but One, that is God.*

e *Exod.* 34. 6. The Lord proclaimed, The Lord, *the Lord God, merciful, and gracious*, long suffering, *Ver.* 7. Keeping *mercy* for thousands; *forgiving* iniquity, transgression, and sin.

f *Exod.* 34. 7. The Lord, that *will by no means clear the guilty visiting the iniquity* of the fathers upon the Children.

Q. 2. *In what estate did God create or make man?*

Ans. God created man after his own (g) Image, in (h) knowledge, (i) righteousness and holiness, entering into a (k) Covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience.

g *Gen.* 1. 27. So God created man *in his own Image*, in the *Image of God* created he *him*, Male and Female created he them.

h *Col.* 3. 10. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in *knowledge*, after the *image of him* that created him.

i *Ephes.* 4. 24. And that ye put on the *new man*, which *after God* is created in *righteousness and true holiness.*

k *Gen.* 2. 16, 17. The Lord God *commanded* the man, saying, of *every tree* of the Garden thou mayst

mayſt *freely eat*, *Ver.* 17. But of the *tree of knowledge of good and evil*, thou ſhalt *not* eat *of it*, for in the day that thou *eateſt thereof*, *thou ſhalt ſurely die.*

Gal. 3. 12. The *Law* is not of faith, but *the Man that doth them ſhall live in them.*

Queſt. 3. *Did Man continue in that eſtate wherein he was created?*

Anſw. *Man fell* (l) *from that eſtate by ſin*, and ſo brought himſelf, and all mankind under the (*m*) wrath, and (*n*) curſe of God.

l *Gen.* 3. 6. When the *Woman* ſaw, that the *tree* was good for food, *ſhe* took of *the fruit thereof*, and did *eat*; and gave alſo unto her *husband* with her, and *he did eat.*

m *Epheſ.* 2. 3. Among whom alſo *we all* had our converſation in time paſt, in the luſts of our fleſh, and *were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

n *Gal.* 3. 10. *As many* as are of the *works* of the Law are *under the curſe*: For it is written, *Curſed* is every one that *continueth not in all things* which are written in the Book of the *Law* to *do* them.

Queſt. 4. *What is ſin?*

Anſw. *Sin is* the (*o*) tranſgreſſion of the Law of God.

o 1 *John* 3. 4. Whoſoever *committeth ſin, tranſgreſſeth* alſo the *Law*: for *ſin is the tranſgreſſion of the Law.*

Queſt. 5. *By what means may man eſcape the wrath and curſe of God?*

Anſw. *Man may eſcape the wrath and curſe of God by* (p) *Jeſus Chriſt*, the only (q) begotten Son of God, who became (r) man, being (ſ) conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, and born of the (t) Virgin *Mary*.

(p) *Acts* 4.12. *Neither* is there *ſalvation in any other*, for there is *none other name* under Heaven given among men, *whereby we muſt be ſaved.*

q *John* 3. 16. God gave *his only begotten Son*, that whoſoever believeth on him ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life.

John 1. 14. *The word was made fleſh*, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father.

ſ *Luke* 1. 35. The Angel ſaid unto her, *The Holy Ghoſt ſhall come upon thee*, and *the power of the higheſt ſhall over-ſhaddow thee*; therefore alſo that holy thing, which ſhall be *born* of thee, ſhall be called the *Son of God.*

t *Mat.* 1. 25. Joſeph *knew her not, till ſhe had brought forth her firſt-born Son*, and he called his name *Jeſus.*

Queſt. *What hath Jeſus Chriſt done for man?*

Anſw. *Jeſus Chriſt* underwent the (u) wrath & (w) curſe of God for man, being (x) crucified, (y) dead and (y) buried, He (y) aroſe again, (z) aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth at the right

(x) right hand of God the Father.

u *Isa.* 53. 5. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was *bruised* for *our* iniquities; the *chastisement* of *our* peace was upon *him*, and with his stripes we are healed.

w *Gal.* 3. 13. *Christ* hath *redeemed* us from the *curse* of the Law, being made a *curse* for us; for it is written, *cursed* is every one that hangeth on a Tree.

x *Mat.* 27. 35. And *they crucified him*, and parted his Garments, casting lots.

y 1 *Cor.* 15. 3, 4. Christ *dyed* for our sins according to the Scriptures, *v.*4. And *was buried*, and *rose again the third day*, according to the Scriptures.

z *Mark* 16. 19. So then, after the *Lord* had spoken unto them, *he* was *received up into Heaven, and sate on the right hand of God.*

Quest. 7. *How came we to be partakers of what Jesus Christ hath done for man?*

Answ. *We come to be partakers of what Jesus Christ hath done for man* by the (a) Holy Ghost.

a *Tit.* 3. 5, 6. According to his mercy he *saved* us by the washing of Regeneration & *renewing of the Holy Ghost*, v. 6. *Which he shed on us abundantly*; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Quest. 8. *After what manner doth the Holy Ghost make us partakers of what Christ hath done?*

Answ. *The Holy Ghost makes us partakers of*

what Christ hath done, by working in us (*b*) faith in Christ, and (*c*) repentance unto life.

b 1 *Cor.* 12. 3. *No* man can *say*, *that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost.*

c *Rom.* 8. 13. If ye *by the spirit do mortifie the deeds of the body*, ye shall live.

Quest. 9. *What is faith in Christ?*

Answ. *Faith in Christ*, is a firm (*d*) believing that Christ is the only Lord and Saviour, and an hearty (*e*) acceptance of him accordingly.

d *Rom.* 10. 9. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and *shalt believe in thine heart* that God hath raised *him* from the dead, thou *shalt be saved.*

e *John* 1. 12. As many as *received* him; to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, *even to them that believe in his name.*

Quest. 10. *What is Repentance unto life?*

Answ. *Repentance unto life is* an hearty (*f*) sorrow for, and turning (*g*) from all sins unto God, with a full purpose of, and (*h*) endeavour after new obedience.

f *Joel.* 2. 12. Therefore also now saith the Lord, *Turn* ye even to *me* with *all* your *heart*, & with *fasting*, and with *weeping*, & with *mourning.*

g *Isa.* 1. 16, 17. Wash ye, *make you clean*, *put* away the *evil* of your doings before mine eyes, *cease to do evil*, v. 17. *Learn to do well*, seek *judgement*, *relieve* the oppressed, *judge* the Fatherless, *plead* for the widdow.

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Queſt. 11. *What is the rule of obedience?*

Anſw. *The Rule of obedience is* the (*h*) Moral Law contained in the Ten Commandments.

h *Deut.* 10. 4, 13. He wrote on the *Tables* according to the *firſt* writing, *the ten commandements*, which the *Lord ſpake* unto you in the Mount out of the midſt of the fire, in the day of the *aſſembly*, & the Lord gave them unto me.—— Ver. 13. *To keepe the Commandments of the Lord* and his ſtatutes, which I *Command* thee this day for thy good.

Queſt. 12. *Rehearſe the ten commandments?*

Anſw. *God ſpeak all theſe words*, ſaying, *I am the Lord thy God*, &c. *Exod.* 20. 1, to 18.

Queſt. 13. *What is the ſum of the ten commandments?*

Anſw. *The ſum of the Ten Commandments, is*, to love the Lord our God, with all our heart, with all our ſoul, with all our ſtrength, and with all our mind, and our neighbours as our ſelves, *Luke* 10. 27. *Mark* 12. 30, 31.

Queſt. 14. *How doth the Holy Ghoſt work in us Faith in Chriſt, and repentance unto life?*

Anſw. *The Holy Ghoſt doth work in us Faith in Chriſt, and repentance unto life* ordinarily, by the (*i*) preaching & hearing (*k*) of the word of God.

Pſal. 19. 7. The *Law* of the Lord is perfect, *converting* the ſoul; the *Teſtimony* of the Lord is ſure, making wiſe the ſimple.

k *Rom.*

k *Rom.* 10. 17. *Faith* cometh by *hearing*, and *hearing* by the Word of God.

Queſt. 15. *How are Faith and Repentance ſtrengthened?*

Anſw. *Faith and Repentance are ſtrengthened* by the (*l*) ſame Word of God, by the (*m*) Sacraments, and (*n*) by Prayer.

l *Acts* 20. 32. I commend you to God and *the word of his Grace*, which is *able to build you up*, and to give you an *inheritance* among them which are *ſanctified*.

m *Rom.* 6. 4. We are *buried* with him by *Baptiſme* into *death*, that like as *Chriſt* was *raiſed* from the dead by the Glory of the Father, even ſo we alſo ſhould *walk in newneſs of life*.

1 *Cor.* 11. 24. When he had given thanks, he *brake it*, and ſaid, *Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you*, this do in *remembrance of me*.

n *Luke* 11. 13. If *ye* being *evil* know how to *give good gifts* unto your *children*, *how much more* ſhall your heavenly Father *give the holy Spirit* to them that ask him?

Queſt. 16. *What is the word of God?*

Anſw. *The word of God* is the (*o*) Scriptures of (*p*) the Old, and New Teſtament.

o 2 *Tim* 3. 16. *All Scripture is given by inſpiration of God*, and is profitable, *&c.*

p *Epheſ.* 2 20. And are *built* upon the *foundation of the Apoſtles and Prophets*, Jeſus Chriſt himſelf

himſelf being the chief Corner-ſtone.

Queſt. 17. *What is a Sacrament?*

Anſw. *A Sacrament* is an (*q*) outward ſign and ſeal of the New Covenant.

q *Rom.* 4. 11. He received the *ſign of Circumciſion, a ſeal of the Righteouſneſs of faith*, which he had yet being uncircumciſed.

Queſt. 18. *What is the new Covenant?*

Anſw. *The new Covenant is* that wherein God freely offereth unto ſinners (*r*) life, and (*ſ*) ſalvation by Chriſt, requiring of them (*t*) faith in him that they may be ſaved.

r 1 *John* 5. 11. This is the *record* that *God hath given to us eternal life*, and *this life is in his Son.*

ſ *Acts* 3. 25, 26. Yea are the Children *of the Promiſe* and of the *Covenant* which God made with our Fathers, ſaying unto *Abraham*, and *in thy ſeed ſhall all the Kindreds of the Earth be bleſſed*, v. 26. Unto you firſt God having raiſed up his Son *Jeſus*, ſent him to *bleſs you*, in turning away every one of you from his *iniquities.*

Rom. 11. 26, 27. And ſo *all Iſrael ſhall be ſaved* as it is written, There ſhall come out of *Sion the deliverer*, and ſhall *turn away ungodlineſs from Jacob* ver. 27. — For this is *my Covenant* unto them, when I ſhall *take away their ſins.*

1 *John* 3. 16. God ſo loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that *whoſoever believeth on him*, ſhould not periſh, but *have everlaſting life.*

Queſt.

Queſt. 19. *Which are the Sacraments, that ſignifie and ſeal the new Covenant?*

Anſw. *The Sacraments, that ſignifie and ſeal the New Covenant, are* (*u*) Baptiſme, and the (*w*) Lords Supper.

u *Mat.* 28. 19. Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations, *baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt.*

w *Mat.* 26.26,27,28. And as they were eating, *Jeſus took bread, and bleſſed it, and brake it, and gave it to the Diſciples, and ſaid, Take, eat, this is my body,* ver. 27. *And he took the Cup, and gave thanks, and gave it them, ſaying, drink ye all of it,* ver. 28. *For this is my bloud of the New Teſtament, which is ſhed for many, for the remiſſion of ſins.*

Queſt. 20. *What is Baptiſme?*

Anſw. *Baptiſme* is the (*x*) waſhing with water in the name of the Father, and of the ſon, and of the Holy Ghoſt.

x *Mat.* 28. 19. See before *Queſt.* 19. *u.*

Queſt. 21. *What doth baptiſme ſignifie and ſeal unto us?*

Anſw. *Baptiſme doth ſignifie and ſeal unto us* the (*y*) waſhing away of our ſins by the (*z*) blood of Chriſt.

y *Acts* 22. 16. Ariſe and *be baptized, and waſh away thy ſins,* calling on the name of the *Lord.*

z *Rev.* 1. 5. Unto him that loved us, and *waſhed us from our ſins in his own blood.*

Queſt.

Queſt. 22. *To whom is Baptiſme to be adminiſtred?*

Anſw. *Baptiſme is to be adminiſtred* (only) to (*a*) believers and their (*b*) ſeed.

a Acts 8. 37, 38. *Philip* ſaid, if thou *believeſt with all thy heart, thou mayeſt*: And he anſwered and ſaid, I *believe that Jeſus Chriſt is the Son of God*, v. 38. *And he baptiſed him.*

b *Acts* 2. 39. The *Promiſe* is unto you, and *to your Children*, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God ſhall call.

1 *Cor.* 7. 14. The unbelieving husband is *ſanctified by his wife*, and the unbelieving wife is *ſanctified by the husband*; elſe were your *children* unclean, *but now they are holy.*

Queſt. 23. *What is the Lord's Supper?*

Anſw. *The Lord's Supper* is the (*c*) giving and receiving of Bread & Wine according to Chriſt's appointment, in Remembrance of his death.

c 1 *Cor.* 11. 23, 24, 25. I have *received* of the *Lord*, that which alſo *I delivered* unto you, that the *Lord Jeſus the ſame night in which he was betrayed took Bread*, v. 24. *And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and ſaid, Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me*, v. 25. *After the ſame manner alſo he took the Cup, when he had ſupped, ſaying, this Cup is the New Teſtament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Queſt.

Queſt. 24. *What doth the Lords Supper ſignifie and ſeal unto us?*

An. *The Lords Supper ſignifieth and ſealeth* unto the worthy receivers the (*d*) feeding & nouriſhing their ſouls, by the body & blood of Chriſt.

d *Mat.* 26. 26. See before *Queſt.* 19. *w.*

Queſt. 25. *Who are the worthy Receivers of the Lords Supper?*

Anſw. *They are worthy Receivers of the Lords Supper*, that examine themſelves of their (*e*) Knowledge, (*f*) Faith, (*g*) Repentance, (*h*) Love, and (*i*) new Obedience.

e 1 *Cor.* 11. 28, 29. Let a man *examine himſelf*, and *ſo* let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. *v.* 29. For he that eateth and drinketh *unworthily*, eateth and drinketh *damnation* to himſelf, *not diſcerning the Lords Body*.

f 2 *Cor.* 13. 5. *Examine your ſelves whether ye be in the Faith, prove your own ſelves. Know ye not* your ſelves, how that *Jeſus Chriſt is in you*, except ye be Reprobates?

g 1 *Cor.* 11. 31. If we would *judge our ſelves* we ſhould not be judged.

h *Cor.* 10. 16, 17. The *Cup* of bleſſing, which we bleſs, is it not the *Communion* of the *blood* of Chriſt? The *Bread* which we brake, is it not the *Communion* of the *bodie* of Chrſt? *v.* 27. For *we* being many are *one bread and one body*, for we are *all partakers* of that *one bread*.

i *Lam.*

i *Lam.* 3. 40. Let us *ſearch* and *try* our wayes, and *turn again unto the Lord.*

Queſt. 26. *What if perſons neglect ſelf-examination, before they receive the Lords Supper?*

Anſw. *Thoſe that neglect ſelf-examination, before they receive the Lords Supper,* are in danger to (*k*) eat and drink judgment to themſelves, being (*l*) guilty of the body and bloud of our Lord.

k 1 *Cor.* 11. 29. See before *Queſt.* 25. *e.*

l 1 *Cor.* 11. 27. *Whoſoever* ſhall *eat this* bread, and *drink this* Cup of the Lord *unworthily*, ſhall be *guilty of the body and bloud of the Lord.*

Queſt. 27. *What is Prayer?*

Anſw. *Prayer is* the offering up of our (*m*) deſires to God, in the (*n*) name of Chriſt, with (*o*) confeſſion of our ſins and (*p*) thankſgiving.

m *Phil.* 4. 6. Be careful for nothing, but in every thing *by prayer*, and *ſupplication*, with *thanksgiving*, let *your requeſts be made known unto God.*

n *John* 16. 23. Verily, verily, I ſay unto you, *whatſoever ye ſhall ask the Father in my name*, he will give it you.

o *Dan.* 9. 4. *I Prayed* unto the Lord my God, and *made my confeſſion*, and ſaid, O Lord, *&c.*

p *Phil* 4. 6. See before, *Queſt.* 27. *m.*

Queſt. 28. *What Rule hath God given for our direction in Prayer?*

An. The whole (*q*) word of God, is of uſe to direct us in prayer, but *eſpecially* the Lords Prayer.

q 1 *John*

q 1 *John* 5. 14. This is the confidence that we have in him, that if *we ask any thing according to his will*, he heareth us.

Queſt. 29. *Rehearſe the Lord's Prayer?*

Anſw. *Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdome come. Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdome, the power and the Glory, for ever, and ever, Amen.* Mat. 6. 9, 10, &c. Luke 11. 1, 3, 4.

Queſt. 30. *What benefits have we in Chriſt upon our Faith and Repentance in this life?*

Anſw. *We have in Chriſt upon our Faith and Repentance in this life* (r) pardon of ſin, (ſ) power to become the Sons of God, and a (t) renewing of the Image of God in us.

r *Ro.* 8. 30. Whom he did predeſtinate, them he alſo call'd; & *whom he called, them he alſo juſtified.*

ſ *John* 1. 12. As many as *received* him, *to them gave he power to become the Sons of God*, even to them that *believe* on his name.

t *Col.* 3. 9, 10. *Ye have put off the Old man with his deeds.* ver. 10. *And have put on the new man, which is renewed in Knowledge after the image of him that created him.*

Queſt. 31. *What benefits have we in Chriſt at death?*

Anſw.

Anſw. *At death*, our (*u*) ſouls ſhall immediately paſs into glory.

u *Luke* 23. 43. *Jeſus* ſaid unto him, *verily I* ſay unto thee, *to day thou ſhalt be with me in Paradiſe.*

Queſt. 32. *What benefits have we in Chriſt at the Reſurrection?*

Anſw. *At the Reſurrection*, our (*w*) bodies alſo being raiſed up in glory, we ſhall be (*x*) acquitted by Chriſt in judgement, and made perfectly (*y*) bleſſed in the full enjoyment of God (*z*) for ever.

w 1 *Cor.* 15. 43. It is ſown in *diſhonour*, it is *raiſed in glory*. It is ſown in *weakneſs*, it is *raiſed in power.*

x *Mat.* 25. 33, 34. And he ſhall *ſet the ſheep on his right hand*, but *the goats on the left*, v. 3, 4. *Then* ſhall the King ſay *to them on his right hand, Come ye bleſſed of my Father, inherit the Kingdome prepared for you*, from the foundation of the world.

y 1 *John* 3. 2. Now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear, *what we ſhall be*: but we know, that *when he ſhall appear*, *we ſhall be like him*, for *we ſhall ſee him as he is.*

z 1 *Theſ.* 4. 17. *Then we* which are alive and remain, ſhall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and ſo ſhall *we be ever with the Lord.*

Queſt. 33. *What ſhall become of thoſe that never repent and believe?*

Anſw.

Anſw. *Thoſe that never repent and believe* beſides the (*a*) wrath and (*b*) curſe of God upon them in this life, ſhall (*c*) die in their ſins, and be (*d*) puniſhed with everlaſting torments in Hell Fire.

a *John* 3.36. He that *believeth* not the Son, ſhall *not ſee life*, but the *wrath of God abideth on him.*

b *Gal.* 3. 10. See before *Queſt.* 3. *n.*

c *John* 8. 24. I ſaid therefore unto you, that *ye ſhall die in your ſins*; for if *ye believe not that I am he, ye ſhall die in your ſins.*

d 2 *Theſ.* 1. 8, 9. *In flaming Fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Goſpel of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt*, v. 9. *Who ſhall be puniſht with everlaſting deſtruction from the preſence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.*

Luke 13. 3. *Except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh.*

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